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# SLIATE

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**Higher National Diploma in Building Services Engineering**  
**Second Year, Second Semester Examination – 2016**  
**BSE 2204 - Fluid Transfer Devices**

Instructions for Candidates:  
Answer only **four** questions.  
All questions carry equal marks.

No. of questions : 05  
No. of pages : 02  
Time Allowed : 2 hours

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**Q1)**

- (i) What are the main components of a centrifugal pump? (3 marks)
- (ii) Write down special construction features of centrifugal pumps. (5 marks)
- (iii) In a centrifugal pump diameter at the inlet is 300mm and at the outlet 600 mm. The impeller vanes are set back at an angle of  $45^\circ$  to the outer rim. The pump speed is 1300 rpm and the velocity of the flow through the impeller is constant at 5 m/s. Assuming entry of the fluid into the pump is radial, Calculate,
  - (a) Vane angle at the inlet
  - (b) Work done by water per kilogram of water
  - (c) Magnitude and the direction of water velocity at the outlet (17 marks)

**Q2)**

- (i) What are the major types of positive displacement pumps? (5 marks)
- (ii) Name three designs of external gear pumps. (5 marks)
- (iii) How the volumetric efficiency and the mechanical efficiency of positive displacement pumps are determined? (6 marks)
- (iv) A gear pump has a 87.2 mm outside diameter and, a 58.2 mm inside diameter and a 28.4 mm width. If the actual pump flow rate is  $18.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ , at 1800 rpm and the rated pressure, determine the volumetric efficiency. (9 marks)

**Q3)**

- (i) Write down the advantages and disadvantages of a centrifugal pump. (5 marks)
- (ii) With the help of a neat sketch, briefly describe the operation of a centrifugal pump. (8 marks)
- (iii) With the help of a neat sketch, introduce the main components of an external gear pump and briefly describe its operation. (12 marks)

**Q4)**

- (i) Compare fans, blowers and compressors with reference to specific ratio and the pressure rise. (7 marks)
- (ii) Write down the types of fans and briefly explain how air is flowing through them. (6 marks)
- (iii) Write down applications of each fan type, that you have written in (ii). (5 marks)
- (iv) What are the types of blades found in fans and blowers? Illustrate how their efficiencies differ. (7 marks)

**Q5)**

- (i) What is meant by a multistage compressor? (3 marks)
- (ii) Briefly describe the types of compressors used in industry. (7 marks)
- (iii) A compressor delivers 30 cfm of air at 90°F and 125 psi. If the atmospheric temperature and pressure are 70°F and 14.7 psi, calculate the volume flow rate of air drawn in to the compressor. (7 marks)
- (iv) Determine the actual power required in HP to drive the above compressor if the overall efficiency is 0.8. (8 marks)